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THE PRIZE

Out of more than eighty suggestions judged, "THE PULSE" was acclaimed the most original and appropriate name for our newspaper. CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Esther Waldsmith—winner of the contest!

Giving our new venture a name would seem to be a parting gift from Mrs. Waldsmith, who has been our switchboard operator for the last seventeen years, as she is retiring to "THE FARM" in New Hampshire the end of this month. We'll certainly miss your "Deaconess Hospital," Mrs. Waldsmith.

Perhaps many of us do not realize that the policies of our Hospital are formulated by an Executive Committee, eleven prominent men who are vitally interested in the welfare of the Hospital. Monthly meetings are held, at which Dr. Cook brings to their attention the needs and problems which arise from month to month.

One of the Executive Committee members best known to the hospital personnel is Mr. Stanley MacMullen, Chairman. He is a frequent visitor here and has been connected with hospital affairs for many years. A well known Insurance man and leading Methodist layman, he still manages to devote much time to the cause in which he is so interested. A copy of our first issue was sent to him last month. In his letter of thanks he sent you the following message.

"As Chairman of the Executive Committee, I am pleased to have this opportunity to say a word to our employees. During the last years we have been faced with a heavy turn-over in employee ranks, due to the war and present economic conditions. As a result, those employees who have been with us for a number of years have been faced with heavy responsibilities. We are truly grateful for their keen interest and loyalty. I feel new employees must have sensed this loyalty and will also feel the challenge of being connected with an institution like ours—meeting the great need of the patients that come to us. After all, our Hospital is maintained to care for these sick and we express our gratitude to the distinguished group of Doctors serving here. If each employee, irrespective of this task, will realize that he, too, is contributing to the comfort and well-being of the patients, he will have a greater satisfaction in his work."

FRONT PAGE NEWS

There will be big doings in Harris Hall Dining Room some evening during the week of December 15th (definite date to be announced). You guessed it—THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR EMPLOYEES!

SUGGESTION BOX — Mrs. Esther Prince, Deaconess Information Hostess, received the $10.00 prize for her suggestion of the month — a Cardex of employees available at the Mail Desk.

Send in YOUR suggestion now and who knows, YOU may be the winner next month!

BLOOD BANK — No doubt the entire hospital feels as sorry as we do about Miss Learned's resignation. She was always our "friend-in-need" in graciously answering our requests for volunteer help. On several occasions when our situation became pressing only at the eleventh hour, too late in the day to procure anyone else, she, personally, came to our rescue. Her successor, Miss Whitney is following in her footsteps and during her first week responded to our plea for help.

DIETARY — We are sorry that Mrs. Helen Boebel felt it necessary to resign her position with us in order to give more time to her home. Miss Ann Ross is now in charge of Palmer Diet Kitchen and Miss Margaret Parker is assisting temporarily.

Ernest Boston received a royal welcome back to the Deaconess Kitchen as Vegetable Cook after his absence during the summer.

It's nice to have Peggy McKenna, one of our former employees, now working in Harris Hall.

Marie Beale of Palmer Kitchen has been a patient in the Deaconess building where her arm has been in traction for a severe bursitis. We hope she will be well soon.

Mrs. Helen Warner is our new Pay Cafeteria Manager. Good luck to her and more early morning help!

LABORATORIES — Mary McCarthy Leary, formerly of Bacteriology Laboratory, came in to show off her daughter, Rosemary, of whom she is justifiably proud.

Dr. Warren's travels are too numerous to report. On December 5th and 6th he will attend the Gastric Conferences of the National Advisory Cancer Council in Chicago with Dr. Elsie McPeak and Dr. Meissner.

Mr. Cowing is on his annual search of wild birds in Maine; with a gun, that is.

On her recent trip to Washington, Kay Haley saw Dr. Nathan B. Friedman, former Littauer fellow, and Dr. Elson B. Helwig, former Assistant Pathologist, at the Army Institute of Pathology. Both men are now employed there as civilians.

LAUNDRY — The laundry department, as usual, met their quota 100 per cent for the recent Red Feather Drive.

We welcome back two of our group who have been out on the sick list, Mary Connoly and Mary Libby; but Jeffie Melder is still unable to return to work. Congratulations to him for winning the first prize of ten dollars for the best suggestion a short time ago.

Charles Gould, our foreman, was invited to the Laundry Clinic at the Hotel Bradford on November 30th; and on November 21st, Mr. Emery represented our Hospital at the meeting of Laundry Managers at the Newton Hospital.

NURSING — Welcome to Mrs. Joseph Stull, graduate of Western Reserve University, School of Nursing, who has joined our faculty as an assistant in the Clinical Teaching Department.

Our best wishes to Mrs. Robert W. Dunn (Margaret Hunt) on her

marriage November 16th. Also the same to Miss Constance Sage who left the nursing staff to be married on November 23rd. She will make her home in Orlando, Florida.

A surprise party was recently given Mrs. Tinsley (Baker 4) at Kent Street House and a place setting of her sterling was presented to her.

Interest in our post-graduate courses is growing. On November 27th, six nurses started a 12 weeks course in Carcinoma, Neuro-surgery, and Diabetes.

PHARMACY AND PURCHASING — A new Member has been added to the purchasing department — Michael Smith; and Edith Hill has left our midst.

John Quinn, the oxygen therapist in the pharmacy, is taking body building lessons at a local gymnasium.

SOCIAL SERVICE. The committee is extremely grateful for the generous response to the request for food and clothing for the French Social Worker, Mlle. Renee Hergot at the hospital Bretonneau, Paris.

Sixteen packages, each weighing 11 pounds, are being mailed. We are in need of additional funds to cover postage which is $1.54 per package. Contributions for this expense will be appreciated by the committee: Bernice Quimby, Beryl Paine, Gertrude Jameson.

Miss Winton Yates has recently joined the secretarial staff in OPD to assist in medical follow up.

HOSTESSES—Mrs. Ann Cotter, Palmer Memorial Hostess, who was hospitalized in Baker under the care of Dr. Haggart is now convalescing at her home. We hope to see her back at her desk again very soon.

LIBRARIES — Be sure and see the beautiful clock in the Library of the School of Nursing. It was the gift of the class of 1946.

Miss Ethel Strong, Medical Librarian, Baker 6, is ill and any messages for her may be sent through Mrs. Paine.

There is quite a list of new non-fiction in the Patient's Library (Palmer 6) which will be of interest to the nursing and administrative staff as well as to the patients—why not inquire for particulars?

THE ALPHA CREDIT UNION

At the annual meeting of the Credit Union last month directors elected to serve for three years were Herbert Robinson, Joseph F. Warren, John Keefe, Margaret Kerrigan, and Muriel Oakman. The membership drive is on, so if you aren't a member JOIN NOW. Attractive booklets describing the purpose of the Union may be obtained from Herbert Robinson, President; Maude Maher, Treasurer: the directors; and the personnel office. Learn how easy it is to become a member and what the benefits are.

The Credit Union Christmas Basket was so popular last year that there will be TWO of them this year. The drawings will be held at the Annual Christmas Party. Watch Harris Hall Dining Room Bulletin Board for information about tickets which will be priced at 15c each, or two for 25c.

THRIFT SHOP — Watch for the opening of the Thrift Shop under the auspices of the Friends of the Deaconess the middle of December. The shop will be located on the 2nd floor of the Maintenance Building on Pilgrim Road. There will be clothing and gift articles for sale at nominal prices. Proceeds

are designated for the new building.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

This is the first Christmas of our paper, the first Christmas the Editor has been able to wish you its joys. I had hoped to write something which would capture the spirit of the season, with its angelic song of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." At first it seemed I could barely hear an echo of that song in the uneasy peace of our troubled world of today. Then I heard the second strain—"Good Will Toward Men"—and suddenly realized how very real that is to us here.

In this hospital, where come men of every race and creed, we are especially privileged in our opportunities for Christmas living. Our Staff will heal the patients' bodies; we can so surround them with the spirit of the season that it may help to bring an inner peace to them. "Peace on Earth" may be beyond our scope, but peace in this little corner of the earth is ours for the making. "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" is a song that will live forever in the hearts of men; let's have it ring out in the corridors of this hospital, heard by patients, by visitors, by fellow workers.

And so I end my Christmas wish, May you have so much happiness bringing Christmas to others that you cannot help but have the Merriest Christmas Ever."

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A late notice has just been sent us that the Christmas Party date has been set. Save Tuesday, December 17th, for that is the night. A Committee is already hard at work planning a gala affair, so put that date down in your little black book and let nothing interfere.

BOWLING LEAGUE

It may be a slight exaggeration to state that a "Bowling League" has been started, but we have been bowling and so perhaps a League is on the way. Why not come Tuesday and join us? You'll be sure to find someone right in your class, for scores ranged from 47 to 106 that first night. Bill Dailey was the star, with a strike on a strike! We won't expect that of you, however. Call Charlie Schraub and plan to go with us on Tuesday, December 10th.

COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE

We should be proud of ourselves. Did you know that the Hospital Employees went over the top in their quota in the annual Community Fund Drive? It's good to know we did our part.

DID YOU KNOW THAT in the last few months, we have had patients from India, Canada, Bermuda, Chile, Newfoundland, the Hawaiian Islands, the Azores, and Puerto Rico? Sounds like the crossroads of the world.

The Editorial Staff wishes each and everyone a joyous Holiday Season!

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